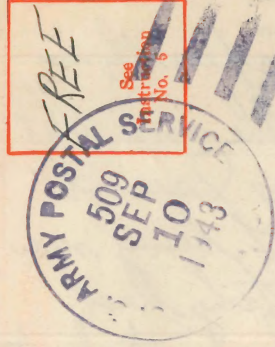


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Hello Folks,

Had to skip a day or so. Don't remember when last I wrote you, but don't guess it makes much difference. - Especially in view of the latest news-broadcasts about Italy. - The more that surrender - the quicker we get home, is the way I see it! It was funny. I happen to have the opportunity of being near some Italian Prisoners of War when they heard Italy had surrendered. - It was too funny to watch them. - They just about went wild, but who could blame them?

Had a trip yesterday, & day before. - We turned our plane into a transport for the day so had the opportunity of spending the night and part of the day in a city in Sicily. It was the first time I had ever landed there. Course, I had made numerous trips over on different type missions! - It was quite a thrill and one I really appreciated. - We got to see everything first hand - and a chance to meet people. - We stayed in a hotel - complete with beds & sheets - and believe it or not, not a one of the three of us who stayed there slept worth a damn! - It had been since March since I had had springs mattress & sheets. - Guess the comforts of civilization will be as hard to get used to as the hardships were. What a life! While there, I met a Lt. Col. on tour from Wash. - He knew Col. Ames - lives in Arlington - and said he would call you all when he gets back to D.C. - I also have his telephone # and we are to have a drink on him when I hit D.C. again!

Bye for now - more just this. - Love, Frank

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P.S. - Forget to tell you - I also ran into one of the fellows who was in my flying class at G.W. and Congressional! - It plus peace-brother!